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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 14, lines 11-21, please replace with the following:

The heat-resistant ceramic particles constituting the ceramic particles layer are loaded in an amount of preferably 5 to 250 g/l ~~g per cc~~ of honeycomb volume, more preferably 10 to 150 g/l ~~g per cc~~ of honeycomb volume. When the heat-resistant ceramic particles are loaded in an amount of less than 5 g/l ~~g per cc~~ of honeycomb volume, the particles are unable to cover the filter surface sufficiently; when the amount is more than 250 g/l ~~g per cc~~ of honeycomb volume, the risk of cell plugging may increase and pressure loss becomes larger than the allowable range; therefore, such loading amounts are not preferred.